

## Afternoon Tea and a special Cathedral service – the Advent Procession

Sunday 1st December 2024



On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December twelve of us met for afternoon tea at the Oriel Hotel, St Asaph before going on to the Cathedral for the very special Advent Procession. The tea was a lovely chance for members and their partners to catch up. In the Cathedral we were joined by new Liveryman, Prof Paul Mealor, composer to the King and the now Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Advent Procession is a service combining choral anthems, readings and hymns for everyone. The Choir started in the South Transept where they sang the stunning Rorate Caeli (words from Isaiah, music by Richard Lloyd). They then processed to the West End, the North Aisle and finally to their stalls under the tower. Readings and wonderful anthems from every century from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> punctuated this procession. John Solbé (Hon Sec, North Wales Committee) read the third of five readings and Andrew Richards, Chair of the NWC read the fourth, at the invitation of the Canon Precentor, Rex Mathias. The Dean, the Very Reverend Nigel Williams, a Welsh speaker from birth, read the Gospel from Luke and led the prayers.



It was good to continue the tradition, begun in 2010, of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales being present and taking part in this preparation for Christmas.

John Solbé Peter and Brenda Bignold, Neil Bryson, Hilary Andrews, Jean Bryson, Eurwen Hulmston, Rosie Solbé, Andrew Richards and Noel Hulmston  
(Tim and Maureen Mainland and Paul Mealor not shown)

**Professor John Solbe  
Hon. Secretary  
North Wales Committee  
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